

## **New Property Tax Appeal Funding Program**

Beginning with Fiscal Year 2009, the Department of Treasury has a \$500,000 appropriation to assist units of government and school districts in defending appeals of property tax assessments of public utility companies with a taxable value greater than \$50,000,000.00.

The Property Tax Appeal Funding Program will assist local units and school districts in preparation of property tax public utility assessment appeals. This assistance will be provided in one of two ways: First, the State can take the lead in securing appraisals of utility personal property and other property used by utility companies with a taxable value greater than \$50,000,000.00. It is critical to the appeal process to have well documented appraisals and many local units and school districts do not have sufficient resources to obtain a complex utility appraisal.

Second, the Department will consider requests for reimbursement from units of government and school districts for a portion of separately contracted appraisal expenses or other utility property tax appeal related costs and expenses, depending on available funding. The reimbursement amount will not exceed the state's share of the total millage rate of the local unit.

The governmental unit or school district impacted by a public utility property tax assessment appeal should please call Kelli Sobel, Executive Secretary, at 517-335-3429 or E-mail at [State-Tax-Commission@michigan.gov](mailto:State-Tax-Commission@michigan.gov) regarding the pending appeal. The Commission will evaluate the requests and decide which governmental units and or school districts to assist in order of receipt.